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I urge you to act on docket number 98P-0151/CP1 to stop the slaughter of downed animals for human food supply.

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These animals, so diseased or so badly injured that they cannot even walk, suffer horrendous cruelty and neglect at livestock markets across the country. They commonly lie in alleyways, without food or water or veterinary care, until it is convenient to take them to slaughter, usually the next day, but thousands die slowly from neglect before ever reaching the slaughterhouse. How would you feel if your family pet or you yourself were treated in such a way?

There is also the the fact that the law prohibits the slaughter of DISEASED animals for human food. Diseases like bovine leukemia virus/BLV, bovine immunodeficiency virus/BIV commonly afflict U.S. cattle, and there is evidence that some U.S. animals are infected with "Mad Cow Disease"/bovine spongiform encephalopathy/BSE. Last summer, the FDA banned certain animal by-products from being used in livestock feed, because it was concerned about the potential threat of BSE in the U.S.---a positive first step, but 98P-0151/CP1 petition asserts that further measures are necessary to reduce the threat.

Please be humane and cautious and act upon this petition.

Thank you,

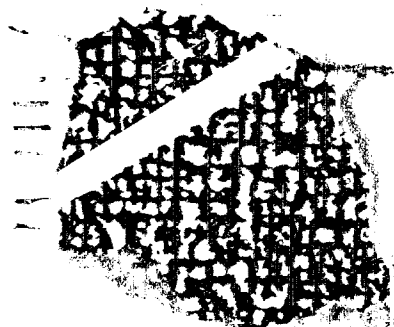
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